

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

NATIONAL
REGISTER

AREA

FORM NO.

97

WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town Waltham, MAAddress 14 Liberty StreetHistoric Name William Gibbs HouseUse: Present Multi-family residentialOriginal Residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1845-1847Source DeedsStyle Greek Revival (temple-front)Architect unknownExterior Wall Fabric Asphalt shingleOutbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) _____

asphalt siding- mid-20th cen..Condition FairMoved no Date n/aAcreage 0.10A 4,425 sq. ft. 60-7-13

Setting On residential street with
mid-19th c. houses, very near major
business district

Recorded by Nancy S. SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date August 1986

revised C. Jenkins 2/88

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and
white) Indicate address of
property on back of photo.
Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location
in relation to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate all buildings
between inventoried property and nearest
intersection(s).
Indicate north

UTM REFERENCE 19/316¹⁰⁰4693840USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTONSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The William Gibbs House is one of four surviving temple-front Greek Revival style houses in the city. Its elaborate 2½ story form is characterized by fluted Corinthian columns carrying the gable pediment. Asphalt shingles have not obscured its high architectural quality. The house also illustrates the development of the north central Main Street area in the mid-19th century as a home for workers and small businessmen. It possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

Set on a residential street of predominantly nineteenth century houses very near a major commercial district, this house is one of the few surviving temple-front Greek Revival houses in the city. Although it has been sided with asphalt shingles, it retains its important stylistic features: a pedimented attic, deep cornice, full entablature, paneled cornerboards, and fluted Corinthian columns. It is a full 2½ story house with pedimented Corinthian portico and rear ell. Its entry is headed by a transom and triangular pediment. Windows contain late-19th century 2/2 sash.

See # 112, 115 and area E

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

This house was apparently built sometime between 1845 and 1847 by William Gibbs, a hat manufacturer. In 1847 Gibbs sold it to John Galbraith, another hat manufacturer, and the Galbraiths owned it for almost 30 years. They lost possession when a mortgage was foreclosed in 1876 but apparently continued to occupy the house for another 10 years. By this time the house was owned by Henry P. Sherman, a real estate agent who lived at 27 Liberty and evidently used it as a rental property. In 1923 it was occupied by persons whose surnames were Levere, Pellerin, Doucette, and Boudreau.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Middlesex Deeds - 465:552; 507:265; 526:104; 1398:272; 1565:440
Maps and atlases - 1854, 1875, 1886, 1900, 1911, 1915, 1923
Directories - 1871, 1899, 1910, 1912, 1923

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Fitch, Ezra, School Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

32. Flagg, Frederick, House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

33. French, Daniel, School Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

34. Fuller--Bemis House Substantive Review

Keeper Paul J. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

35. Gale--Banks House Substantive Review

Keeper Paul J. Savage 3/9/90

Attest _____

36. Gibbs, William, House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

37. Gilbrae Inn Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

38. Grove Hill Cemetery Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 9/28/89

Attest _____

39. Hagar--Smith--Livermore--Sanderson
HouseKeeper Helene Byers 9/28/89

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40. Hager--Mead House

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Gibbs, William, House
NAME:

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001561

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/28/89 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTMs ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



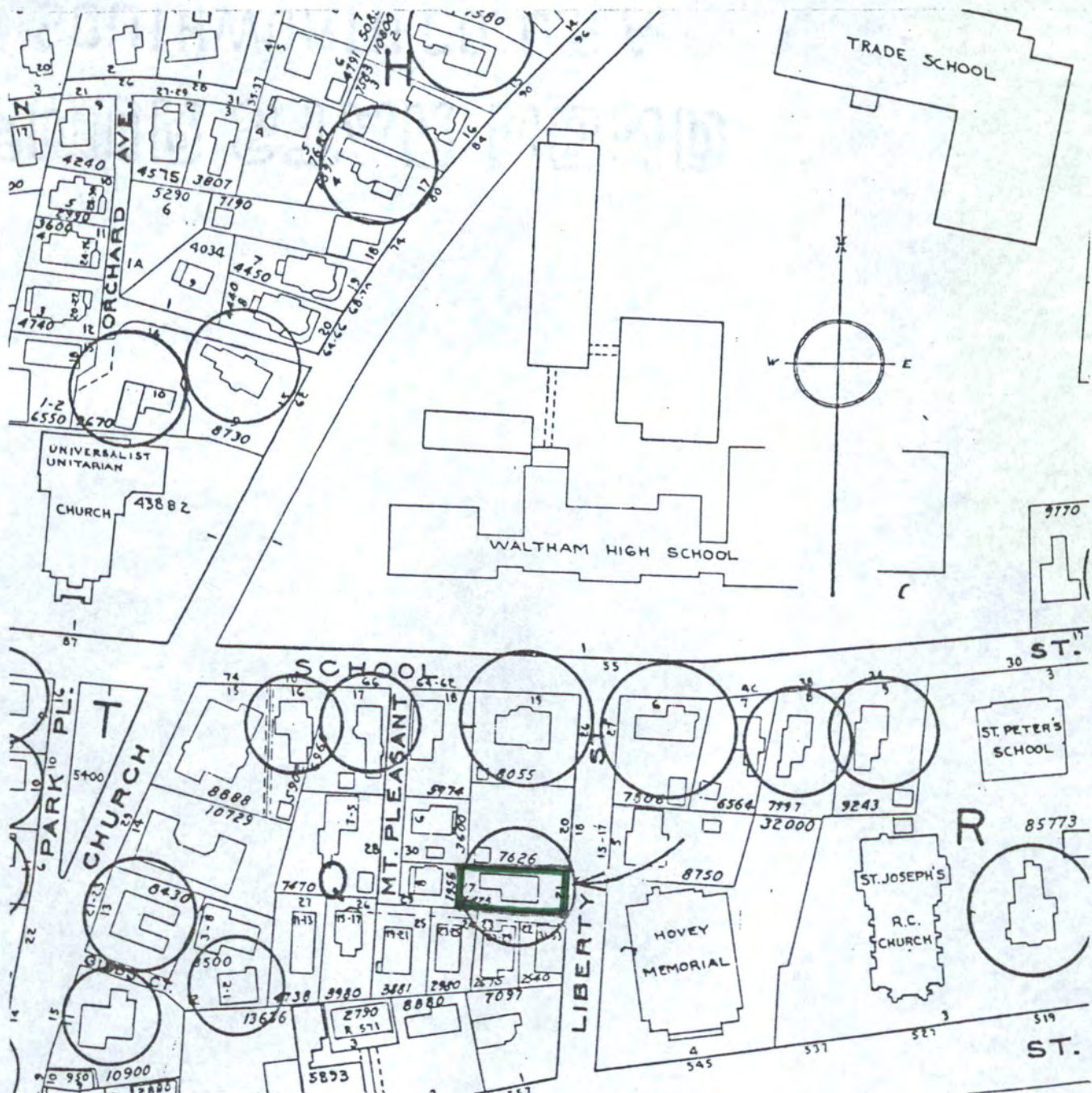
Gibbs House
14 Liberty St
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Gibbs House
14 Wheeler St

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1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
 Compiled by the Waltham
 Engineering Division
 Scale: 1 inch = 140 feet

Waltham, Massachusetts MRA
 14 Liberty Street
 William Gibbs House
 16-Q-21

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301